

CASA DE PIO PICO,
Whittier Boulevard,
Whittier, California.

Los Angeles Co.

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HACIENDA DEL RANCHO PASO DE BARTOLO VIEJO,
Whittier Boulevard near Pico,
Whittier, California.

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This house, the home of Don Pio Pico, the last Mexican Governor of California, is situated on what is still locally known as "El Ranchito" (the little ranch), the name by which it was affectionately called by its owner.

The construction of the house was begun in 1826 and finished in 1832 when Pico came into possession of the property. It originally contained thirty-three rooms; however, the major portion was destroyed by floods in 1867 and 1896, and only thirteen rooms remain.

This is said to be the first two-story house in Southern California, the high attic being in the nature of a second story. It is now owned by the State of California, Park Department, and is open to the public.

A. S. C. Forbes " California Missions and Landmarks" 1925. p. 338-340

Approved

Henry T. Withey
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